# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 16th, 2025 | 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Painting by: Nicolas Poussin

# FROM OUR PRIESTS

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

I am pleased to share with you our parish's annual financial update on the next page.

This fall has been a wonderfully full season here at SJB, a time rich with opportunities to support both our parish ministries and missions that extend beyond our local community. I know that receiving multiple invitations to give can sometimes feel overwhelming, so please know how deeply grateful I am for your understanding and generosity.

A heartfelt thank-you to all who have faithfully supported our parish through your tithes and contributions over the last year. Your generosity enables us not only to sustain our parish ministries but also to step boldly into this new season of mission that God has placed before us.

I'm pleased to share that the financial state of the parish remains healthy and stable. We continue to follow the financial plan established last year and are positioning ourselves for our next major project, replacing the school roof, scheduled for 2026.

Thank you for your steadfast generosity toward the Lord's work here at SJB. I am truly excited to serve alongside you, to witness the good work God is doing in your families, and to partner together in bringing the Gospel to even more households throughout Ypsi. I believe God has great things in store for our parish!

God Bless You,

*Fr. Dan*

## MASS TIMES

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|---|---|
| Monday | 12:15 PM |
| Tuesday | 8:00 AM |
| Wednesday | 8:00 AM |
| Thursday | 8:00 AM |
| Friday | 12:15 PM |
| Saturday | 8:00 AM |
| | 5:00 PM |
| Sunday | 9:00 AM |
| | 11:00 AM |

9:00 AM Mass Livestreamed here.

Recitation of the Rosary is held after daily Mass, Wednesday through Saturday.

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel

Tuesday 9:00 AM-5:45 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Friday 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

## ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
Friday, 1:00 PM through
Saturday, 7:45 AM

## CONFESSION

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| Monday | 11:00 AM |
| Tuesday | 8:30 AM |
| Friday | 11:00 AM |
| Saturday | 3:30 PM |

# Annual Financial Update

| | 2023 - 2024 | 2024 - 2025 |
|---|---|---|
| **Income** | | |
| **Offertory Collections Totals** | **$945,912.00** | **$1,087,193.00** |
| **Legacy & Estate Gifts and Totals** | **$128,429.00** | **$50,456.00** |
| **Rental Income Reciepts Totals** | **$41,337.00** | **$28,500.00** |
| **Cemetery Receipts Totals** | **$88,055.00** | **$32,078.00** |
| **Other Cash Totals** *(Interest Income, Release of Restricted Assets, Miscellaneous Income, Cemetery Donations)* | **$152,147.00** | **$153,952.00** |
| **Extraordinary Income** *(One time payments, Insurance, Grants, ERC Credit)* | **$60,268.00** | **$4,612.00** |
| **Income Totals** | **$1,416,148.00** | **$1,356,791.00** |
| **Expenses** | | |
| **SG&A Totals** *(Office Staff Salaries & Benefits, Information Technology, Insurance, Building Maintenance & Supplies, Utlilities)* | **$932,072.00** | **$992,802.00** |
| **Capital Expeditures** *(Church Roof and Flood Mitigation)* | **$134,071.00** | **$621,408.00** |
| **Inter-Parochial Support Totals** *(Diocesan Assessments)* | **$85,884.00** | **$104,162.00** |
| **Parish Life Totals** *(Hospitality)* | **$5,087.00** | **$5,902.00** |
| **Cemetery Expense Totals** *(All Cemetery Related Expenses)* | **$42,434.00** | **$48,641.00** |
| **Expense Totals** | **$1,199,548.00** | **$1,772,915.00** |
| **Income minus Expenses** | **$216,600.00** | **$ (416,124.00)** |
| **Assets** | | |
| **Trinity Hall** | **$41,857.00** | **$41,507.00** |
| **Operating Cash** | **$565,123.00** | **$438,626.00** |
| **Savings*** | **$1,296,978.00** | **$991,346.00** |
| **Restricted Investments** *(Cemetery Preservation)* | **$234,727.00** | **$247,449.00** |

* In 2024, we finished replacing the church roof and in 2025-2026 we will utilize savings to replace the school roof and continue to improve the flood mitigation plan for ~$630,000.

# CAMPUS MINISTRY
# NO-SHAVE NOVEMBER
## HELP OUR STUDENTS ATTEND SEEK 2026

The handle bar moustache is in the lead!

Dear Parishioners,

Whenever people ask me about Campus Ministry at SJB, I share with them some highlights, and I always include this: *"we have a parish that loves Campus Ministry and is very supportive of our work on campus"*. You might not be in the day-to-day workings of Campus Ministry, but your prayers, love, and support are noticeable!

This month, in a particular way, we ask for your financial support to send our students to the SEEK Conference in Columbus, Ohio. The conference costs nearly $800/student. Almost every student atteNDing will need full financial assistance. We curently have about 20 students signed up. We would love to invite more—especially if we can offer to cover their costs. You might ask, "*Why is this conference so important?*" College students get nearly a month-long break during Christmas. A full month without classes or homework! We try to take advantage of that free time to build relationships with them and create an environment where they can encounter Jesus! He is ultimately the One we want them to meet and build a relationship with. Traveling and spending time together helps strengthen those relationships, and SEEK is designed in a way that truly allows our students to encounter the Lord. As you may have read from in testimonies, these conferences can be life-changing for our students' relationship with the Lord.

As we continue our *"No Shave November"* fundraiser, I ask that you prayerfully consider giving. Your contribution will allow us to equip college students in the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim Jesus!

Thank you for considering and thank you for donating! Most importantly, please continue to pray that the Lord has His way with our Campus Ministry.

– Sr. Lisa Zelfa, SGL | Director of Campus Ministry

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*Make checks payable to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.*

**GIVE ONLINE!**

## THIS WEEK

**WORSHIP NIGHT**
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST
6:30pm
in the Sanctuary

**WOMEN'S BREAKFAST**
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND
after the 8am Mass
downstairs in the PLC

# SJBeat

**JOIN US IN CELEBRATING COMMUNITY LIFE AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

### HOLY BREWS
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD
7PM
at the Ypsi Alehouse
124 Pearl St #100
Ypsilanti, MI

### ALL-NIGHT ADORATION
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 5PM TO
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, 7:45AM
in the Adoration Chapel

**SIGN UP FOR DECEMBER ALL-NIGHT ADORATION**

### MEN'S BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH
AFTER THE 8AM MASS
downstairs in the PLC

# Formation Opportunities

### "WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES" SERIES

November 17th.....Sacraments: Matrimony and Holy Orders

November 24th.....Liturgical Calendar - Seasons, Liturgy (Differences in the Mass)

November 30th.....1st Sunday Advent

December 1st.....Walk Through the Mass Pt 1

MONDAYS AT 6:30
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC

**SCAN THE QR CODE FOR THE FULL SCHEDULE.**

This Advent, Fr. Mike Schmitz invites you to learn how to wait well with his daily video reflections in the Ascension App, beginning November 30, 2025.

To help you journey more deeply, SJB will have a limited number of Waiting Well Journals available for a suggested donation of $10

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO RESERVE A COPY!**

## Final Week of the Stewardship for Saints and Scholars Campaign – Let's Finish Strong!

We are entering the final week of the **Stewardship for Saints and Scholars Campaign**, which concludes next weekend. As of now, St. John the Baptist has received pledges totaling **$436,517** which is about **40%** of our goal of **$1.11 million**, with a parish participation rate of **6%.**

I am deeply grateful to everyone who has already made a pledge, and I would love to see a final boost in both total pledges and parish participation. Every gift matters! Remember the story of the widow's mite; it's not the size of the gift, but the spirit of generosity that counts.

Your pledge is spread out over five years, so please prayerfully consider what level of support feels right for you and your family. Commitment Weekend is next week, and we will take time at Mass for every parish household to respond and take part in this important effort to make our Catholic schools mission-centered, affordable, and accessible for generations to come.

A heartfelt thank-you to our wonderful volunteers who have been reaching out to parishioners. If you have received a call, text, or email, please take a moment to respond. They are generously giving their time to serve our parish community.

Together, let us finish strong and trust that God will bless our efforts and raise up future of saints through this campaign.

In Christ,
Fr. Dan

**MAKE YOUR PLEDGE TODAY!**

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## THANKSGIVING TURKEY DRIVE

The St. John the Baptist Food Pantry is collecting frozen turkeys to help families in need celebrate Thanksgiving!

To donate and schedule a drop-off, please contact the office at pantry@ypsicatholic.org

Donations accepted through Thursday, November 20, the day of distribution. Thank you for helping make this Thanksgiving special for all!

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## PARISH MOVIE NIGHT

Come watch the inspiring true story of Fr. Maximilian Kolbe, the priest who offered his life for another at Auschwitz. We'll provide the screen and the movie — you bring your dinner or favorite movie snacks, soft drinks, and a comfy chair if you like.

*Please note: This movie is for mature audiences. Parental discretion is advised.*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND
6:30 PM (FOLLOWING THE 5:00 PM VIGIL MASS)
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC

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## BREAKFAST WITH HIS BRIDES

Mothers - or other influential women - and daughters are invited to encounter the beauty of religious life with the sisters of Servants of God's love. Our time together will be enjoyed with activities, prayer, worship, and a talk that fosters openness to religious life and discernment. All are welcome, especially girls in grades K-8th. Please RSVP via the QR code by December 1 for planning purposes.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH
8 AM-11 AM (JOIN US FOR 8 AM MASS)
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC

# SACRAMENTS

MATRIMONY
Couples should contact the parish office to inquire about Marriage Formation as soon as they are engaged.

BAPTISM
Parents are required to complete preparation and must be registered parishioners for at least three months. Pre-registration is required. Please call the parish office for more information.

LAY MINISTER INFORMATION
If you are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister or wish to update your schedule preferences, please submit your request by email to schedule@ypsicatholic.org.

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS
Call or visit the parish office to ask for a special day. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. The stipend for a Mass intention is $10. Mass cards are also available.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call the parish office for more information.

FUNERALS
Please call the parish office for more information.

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# JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR...

Katie (O'Toole) Davis
Kailyn Fitzgerald
Kris Kapcia
Ann Marie Rusiniak
Dorothy Chan
Philip Philipose
Shibu Philipose
Gemma Almendras
Jake Meyer
Pfc. Carter Hornbeck
Caroline Stramecky
David Sell

Please call the office if you would like to add a name to the list of intercessions for healing or for men and women in the armed forces. Names will be removed after four weeks unless we receive a request to continue.

Remember also that our Book of Petitions is located in The Gathering Space. These intercessions are prayed for at every Mass

# MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH
12:15 PM: † Tom Cimino & Shirley McCully
Requested by Leanna McCully

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH
8:00 AM: Intentions of the Hassow Family
Requested by Ola Hassow

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH
8:00 AM: † Xavier Randolph
Requested by Leanna McCully

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST
12:15 PM: Increase in Vocations

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND
8:00 AM: † Joann Scerbak Hall
Requested by Fred Hall

5 PM: † Mr. & Mrs. Foggin
Requested by Sr. Mary Ann Foggin

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD
9:00 AM: † Felix A. Ofili
Requested by K of C 3230

11 AM: People of the Parish

Thank You!
HEARTFELT THANKS TO ALL WHO JOINED THE GROUNDS CLEAN-UP ON NOV. 8TH AND TO THOSE THAT CARED FOR THE MARY GARDEN THIS YEAR!

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# St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

November 18th, 2025

St. Rose-Philippine Duchesne was born on August 29, 1769, in Grenoble, France. She was educated at the Convent of the Visitation at Sainte-Marie d'en Haut, where she developed a deep desire for a contemplative life. When she was eighteen, she entered the convent as a novice.

The French Revolution was taking place at the time, which caused the nuns to have to leave the monastery, so Philippine returned to her family. For eleven years, she would risk her safety by nursing and caring for prisoners, and teaching and feeding poor children.

In 1804, after the war, Philippine heard of a new congregation, the Society of the Sacred Heart, founded by Madeleine Sophie Barat. Mother Barat visited the Sainte Marie d'en Haut sisters and received them, along with Philippine, into the Society.

Despite her desire for the contemplative life, she also felt an urgent call to be a missionary after a powerful encounter with the Lord in adoration. She had a vision of herself in the New World, bringing the Eucharist across the land to everyone. For twelve years she remained in France until the fulfillment of her vision began in 1818. Bishop William Du Bourg of the Louisiana Territory, invited the Society of the Sacred Heart to evangelize and educate the French and Native Americans in the diocese.

Philippine and her companions were directed by the Bishop to go to St. Charles, Missouri, near St. Louis. There, they founded the Society's first house outside France and established the first Sacred Heart school, the first free school west of the Mississippi River. By 1828, she had founded six schools for young women in Missouri and Louisiana.

By the time she was seventy-two, her heart was with the Native Americans, and she longed to serve them more directly. A school for the Potawatomi opened in Sugar Creek, Kansas, and she went to help them there. However, her health was in poor condition and she was unable to learn the Potawatomi language, so she spent most of her time there in prayer and intercession, thus earning her the name, Quah-kah-ka-num-ad, "Woman-Who-Prays-Always". After one year, she returned to St. Charles, Missouri, in failing health. After spending thirty-four years in America, she died at the age of eighty-two on November 18, 1852. She is the patron saint of perseverance amid adversity.

***— Written by Anna Njoku***

## LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE
## NOVEMBER 22ND & NOVEMBER 23RD

| SATURDAY 5:00 PM | SUNDAY 9:00 AM | SUNDAY 11:00 AM |
|---|---|---|
| **USHERS** | | |
| Jeff Decker | Carolyn Bradley | John Urbanic |
| Need Volunteer | Stephen Bradley | Andy Winnie |
| Need Volunteer | Need Volunteer | Wendy Winnie |
| Need Volunteer | Need Volunteer | Vince Zahm |
| **GREETERS** | | |
| Need Volunteer | John Belleba | Shelly Czupinski |
| Need Volunteer | Marie Lenhardt | Need Volunteer |
| **LECTORS** | | |
| Ellen Gibson | Sarah Scholl | David Stolarski |
| Rebecca Lussier | John Yurko | Theresa Urbanic |
| **SACRISTAN** | | |
| ADULT: | ADULT: | ADULT: |
| Therese Lasswell | Liz Richards | Judy Ramirez |
| JUNIOR: | JUNIOR: | JUNIOR: |
| Need Volunteer | Need Volunteer | Need Volunteer |
| **ALTAR SERVERS** | | |
| Jordan Wells | Joe Comazzi | Donald Cahalan |
| Need Volunteer | Kellan Gentit | Eliseo Gonzalez |
| Need Volunteer | Augustine Lussier | Stefano Patti |

## NEW OFFICE HOURS

### OFFICE HOURS AND INFO

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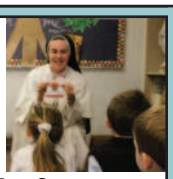

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